

# Proposed bill will allow pharmacies to sell birth control

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A Republican Missouri representative has proposed a bill that will make it easier for women to receive birth control.

Rep. Sheila Solon filed House Bill 1679 to allow women to obtain their birth control prescriptions from a pharmacist instead of a physician.

Solon's bill would allow anyone age 18 or older to obtain a prescription from a pharmacist without a previous prescription from a primary care practitioner or women's health care practitioner. For anyone under 18 years of age, the bill would require evidence of a previous prescription from a practitioner.

Lawmakers in California, Oregon and Washington D.C. have passed similar legislation and at least four other states are considering similar measures.

When proposing the bill, Solon said decades of use has shown oral contraception is safe and critical for many people, and pharmacists should be able to prescribe the drugs after undergoing some training. Solon also claims easier access to birth control will decrease unwanted pregnancies and abortions by 25 percent.

Originally, the bill included the prescription of birth control patches, but that was removed after anti-abortion groups expressed concerns over safety.

According to Solon's Twitter, she believes this bill is going to give women better access to birth control.

"This legislation is meant to eliminate barriers to accessing birth control, which include having to make multiple trips to a pharmacy, taking time off from your job to see a doctor, and waiting hours at a doctor's office for a new prescription," Solon said.

Nearly two-thirds of women in the United States favor making contraceptives available over the counter without a prescription, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. On demand prescriptions were recommended by a panel from the American College



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Rebublican Sheila Solon proposed a bill that will offer easier access to birth control for women.

of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 2012 and affirmed in 2014.

Freshman Megan Sloan believes this measure would increase the number of women using birth control.

"This is an incredible breakthrough for women in Missouri," Sloan said. "A lot of women don't get birth control because of how

awkward the process is. This law would cut out the awkwardness and I think women would be more likely to go get it."

According to Solon, her measure would not alter state law that permits pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions if they have objections to them. Pharmacists would also be

able to refer patients to physicians if they felt it was necessary.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Teen Pregnancy and Prevention Partnership and Planned Parenthood Action have expressed support for the measure. It is not clear when it will come to a vote.

## Green Dot launch week trains students

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Northwest rolled out its Green Dot bystander intervention program this week.

The Green Dot program focuses on reducing violence within any community. The program also works to preventing violence and strengthen intervention techniques.

The week started with a celebration Monday and was followed by a photo booth Tuesday and a screening of "The Hunting Ground" Wednesday. Green Dot Launch Week will conclude with another photo booth Thursday and a training session Saturday. There will also be a Green Dot pledge drive throughout the entire week.

Danielle Koonce is the Green Dot Coordinator at Northwest. Koonce is spreading the word to raise awareness about the launch of the program.

"I think the launch will be successful due to the positive response from students and faculty," Koonce said. "The program gives us a shared language, helping friends with safety and supporting others by doing more with Green Dot."

Green Dot is funded by the state through the Department of Health and Senior Services. and its two goals are developing content and training.

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From 1980-2008, more than two-thirds of spouse and ex-spouse homicide victims died by gun, according to smartgun-laws.org. A proposed bill would prohibit domestic abusers from purchasing firearms.

## Lawmakers continue to address guns

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Proposed Missouri bill would place a gun ban on domestic abusers.

A Missouri representative has proposed a new bill that would prevent anyone convicted of a domestic abuse crime to purchase guns.

Democratic St. Louis Rep. Stacey proposed the bill saying it was to ban those convicted of domestic violence from having firearms and would give police tools to prevent gun deaths.

The bill would also allow police to take firearms from a scene where domestic assault is suspect-

ed but the owner of the firearms could take the weapon back within two weeks of any proceedings related to suspected assault.

Anyone who has a restraining order against them in which a threat of violence is cited would be banned from owning a gun. Newman's bill would also ban people who have committed a sexual offense from purchasing guns.

Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White has experienced many domestic disturbance calls involving a weapon, but a firearm has rarely been present.

"Domestic violence is a big issue, but I think we have the laws in place. If people knew there were consequences no matter what the

case, then we wouldn't have to do this. When someone is convicted of a felony, they already are unable to purchase or conceal a gun," White said.

Newman proposed a similar bill last year to a House panel on the last day of session, but it was too late to hold a hearing. GOP House Speaker Todd Richardson has not gone over Newman's bill but believes the proposal will receive a hearing and will go no further.

"We've got a caucus in the Legislature that's going to fiercely defend the Second Amendment," Richardson said.

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Maryville's seventh pizza option will open Feb. 22.

## Pizza Ranch nears grand opening

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A new restaurant will be opening soon in the Maryville community.

The Pizza Ranch restaurant plans to open Feb. 22. It is located near the intersection of East First Street and the Highway 71 bypass. Pizza Ranch is a chain restaurant that offers pizza, fried chicken, a salad bar, desserts and a buffet.

According to the Daily Forum, the addition of Pizza Ranch will help fill the restaurant gap. At the moment, there is more demand for restaurants than there are actual restaurants. City Manager Greg McDaniel expects Pizza Ranch to help with this problem and become a mainstay restaurant in the Maryville community.

There are mixed feelings about another pizza place coming to Maryville.

Loren Puche is a sophomore at Northwest. She is somewhat excited for Pizza Ranch to open.

"It's a really good place to have pizza that also serves fried chicken, but we have five other pizza places

here in Maryville already," Puche said, "having another pizza restaurant is exciting, though."

Puche has lived in Maryville all of her life, so she has seen many different restaurants come and go. She thinks Pizza Ranch may cut out some of the other competition.

In the future, Puche would like to see more breakfast restaurants come to Maryville. Having a wider variety of restaurants could be more beneficial to Maryville.

"We really need a breakfast place like Denny's or IHop. I would be there all the time if we did," Puche said.

Junior Josh Grossman would also like to see a better variety of restaurants in Maryville.

"Pizza Ranch has good chicken, but I would really like to see a breakfast place like Denny's here," Grossman said.

Pizza Ranch originated from Hull, Iowa and have spread throughout Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Nebraska, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Wyoming, Montana, and Colorado.





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A proposed bill would end the requirement of meeting monthly ticket quotas for law enforcement. If passed, the bill would be in effect Aug. 28.

# Sen. hoping to end traffic quotas

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A Missouri Bill, working to stop the requirement of ticket quotas Missouri law enforcement are held to, received its support from the Senate and has been passed off to the House for further review.

SB 765 sponsor Republican Sen. Eric Schmitt believes politicians should not be pressuring police to bring in more revenue. Previous legislation limiting the revenue cities can collect from traffic violations was passed only last year.

The controversy surrounding the Ferguson shooting of Michael Brown is continuing to produce

measures focused on Missouri’s policing force. The powers of Missouri officers are under review after such events.

St. Louis County has the issuing of a certain number of traffic citations classified as a Class A misdemeanor, except when an employee is specifically assigned to traffic control. The bill expands on this to include any political subdivision and would remove the one exception.

Freshman Nathan Powel disagrees with quotas and what they stand for.

“If they hope to encourage officers to enforce laws more strictly, they should emphasize that and develop systems to do so,” Powel said.

“The only other defense of quotas is that it generates revenue for the law enforcement system, which I find reprehensible for the fact that it undermines the basic tenet of law enforcement.”

Another freshman, Kyle Thompson said he believes quotas are producing effects opposite of their desired intentions.

“The intended purpose is to protect and serve,” Thompson said. “Instead, it is a money generating system.”

The Missouri House of Representatives is in the process of reading the bill. If the bill passes, it will be in effect Aug. 28.

Northwest’s University Police

Department (UPD) staffs hired professionals and student officers who have the ability to administer tickets for violations of rules and regulations.

University Police Chief Clarence Green stated Northwest’s campus is not affected by quotas. He emphasized that officers here aim to only write out violations for what they happen to encounter in their patrol jurisdictions.

“Working toward a number does not impact us. I don’t see that it’s beneficial and we would rather enforce the laws and policy violations in parking that our folks just come across,” Green said.

Green went on to explain an of-

ficer’s discretion is of high importance when allocating ticket violations.

“There is a conscious effort to monitor this discretion through reports staff must complete in reference to racial profiling and bias based policing,” Green said.

Northwest is one step ahead of the bill where more change may happen in all of Missouri counties in the future. The relevancy of bills aimed at limiting powers held by police lends itself to Missouri’s recent history as a hotbed for authoritative issues and debate.

# Lawmakers in talks to abandon abortion method

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Missouri lawmakers are debating whether to ban a common second trimester abortion method.

House Bill 1714, sponsored by Representative Tila Hubrecht, would prohibit doctors from performing an abortion that involves clamps, forceps or other similar instruments to remove a live fetus from the womb in pieces. This bill calls the procedure the “dismemberment method,” a term commonly used by anti-abortion organizations. Most doctors call it the dilation and evacuation method. Bills similar to this one have been put on hold by courts in other states like Kansas and Oklahoma.

If the bill passes, doctors who use the method could be sued for damages, face up

to two years in prison and pay a \$10,000 fine.

According to the Missouri Department of Health, dilation and evacuation procedures accounted for 11 percent of all abortions in Missouri in 2013 which was the last year those records were released. Of abortions after week 14 of pregnancy, 95 percent used the dilation and evacuation method. This method is considered the safest option for the second trimester. Abortions past 20 weeks are illegal in the state of Missouri, except in cases where the mother is at risk or the fetus is no longer viable.

Sophomore Alex Rose believes the ban should be put into place.

“This method is absolutely barbaric,” Rose said. “A fetus is a living baby and we should treat it as such. I don’t believe that this kind of abortion would be in the best in-

terest for the mother or the baby.”

The proposal does not call for a ban of all dilation and evacuation abortions. The law would still allow abortions in which the fetus is dead before it is extracted.

The Center for Reproductive Rights says it is not always medically necessary to induce fetal death before starting an abortion, and it is never required before 18 weeks, when most women seek an abortion.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says there is no evidence that inducing fetal death makes second trimester abortions safer. If this proposal becomes law, the Center said a woman seeking a dilation and evacuation abortion would have to have an injection to the fetus to stop its development before the procedure.

Senior Linda Tryon says she thinks the

banning of the dilation and evacuation method would cause people to use more unreliable methods.

“People have always found a way, even before abortions of any kind were legal,” Tryon said. “Taking away the only options available is bound to cause disaster. The more options we give people to do it safely and under care, the better off we are.”

Some supporters of the ban believe doctors favor these methods so the tissues can be harvested and have pointed to the videos from last summer accusing Planned Parenthood of illegally selling fetal tissue for profit as evidence of this. These accusations have been denied by Planned Parenthood and in October they announced they would no longer accept reimbursement for the costs of providing fetal tissue donated by clients.

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# Michael Brown's family pushes for body camera bill

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Michael Brown's family urged Missouri lawmakers on Wednesday to overcome politics and pass a law requiring police to wear body cameras.

Brown's mother, Lesley McSpadden, told a Senate panel considering the issue that while body cameras are only one piece of police reform, they would go a long way to help restore community trust. She urged lawmakers to resist "political posturing" and pass legislation that would truly change policing.

"As a mother who lost her son, I ask you to not let this bill just sit on your desk," she said. "This is not a black or white issue. This is a right and wrong issue."

Brown, who was 18 and unarmed, was fatally shot by a white police officer in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson in August 2014, setting off weeks of protests and spurring calls for more police transparency in a city where many felt the largely white police department used excessive force against the majority black residents. The U.S. Department of Justice cleared the officer of wrongdoing, but it said Ferguson's policing was often discriminatory and aimed at generating ticket revenue.

McSpadden said body cameras were no substitute for good police and good policies, but that recordings of other police shootings showed some officers initially lied about what happened.

"I still do not have closure or the solid truth of what happened that day," she said.

Ferguson has adopted police body cameras since Brown's death, but a similar legislative proposal failed last year, and lawmakers didn't pass any bills last year ad-



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Lesley McSpadden, Michael Brown's mother, left standing on the top of a car, reacts as she listens to the grand jury decision Nov. 24, 2014, in Ferguson, Mo.

dress when police can use deadly force. Rep. Shawn Rhoads, the Republican chairman of the House's committee on public safety and a reserve deputy for the Howell County Sheriff's Office, has said he has concerns about state-mandated body cameras because of their cost and potential privacy violations.

The latest legislation would require police in any city with at least 100,000 residents to wear a body camera on duty and to record the

entirety of official interactions. Its sponsor, Sen. Jamilah Nasheed, said the state would pay for the cameras, and funding was part of the reason for the population limit.

Five cities would currently fall into that category: St. Louis, Kansas City, Independence, Springfield and Columbia. Nasheed said she would like to broaden the measure to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and other large departments, such as the St. Louis County Police

Department.

Rep. Paul Fitzwater, a Republican who serves on the House's public safety appropriations committee, said he hasn't heard any discussions about budgeting state money for body cameras, and funding for many agencies is "bare bone" already.

"I just don't know how they would find the money," he said.

Nasheed's bill would require police departments to retain body camera footage for two years, and apply

the same procedures for releasing the footage that applies to incident reports. Those are open records, though police can withhold details of them that could jeopardize an investigation or someone's safety.

The bill would require officers to inform people they are being recorded unless doing so would be impractical or unsafe, and officers who fail to record an incident would be suspended without pay pending an investigation.

# Proposed law may prevent abortion based on defects

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A bill proposes to change a law regarding abortion in a Midwestern state.

Anti-abortion groups in Ohio proposed to change the abortion law, making it illegal to abort a baby because it has down syndrome.

According to the NY Times, the legislature is expected to approve this proposal. Two-thirds of both houses are endorsed by the National Right to Life Committee, which supports the bill.

According to an academic article reviewing research studies from 1995-2011, between 60 and 90 percent of fetuses diagnosed with down syndrome are aborted.

However, abortion rights lawyers say that a law like this would violate the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, which allows women to have abortions without question.

Abortions that occur because the baby could be a certain gender or has a certain disorder can be difficult call for lawmakers.

Margaret Guss is a sophomore at

Northwest and she believes abortion is between a woman and her doctor.

"I think we should take precautions to try and prevent abortion if possible by providing better sex education and birth control options," Guss said. "But I do not believe we should force a woman to have a baby for both the baby's sake and hers."

In the future, Guss would like to see a stop to late term abortions, because at that point the fetus is very developed. She would also like to see the Roe vs. Wade court case continue to be upheld.

Freshman Mettie Steiner also identifies with pro-abortion right movements

"I believe that regardless of the fetus having a condition or not, the woman bearing the child should have the final decision," Steiner said.

Steiner does, however, feel women who are pregnant and do not want the baby should consider having it and putting it up for adoption. To her, pro-abortion rights means that she does not have the right to tell a woman what to do with her body.

In previous years, other states have regulated access to abortion through waiting periods. In 2013, North Dakota made it illegal for a doctor to perform an abortion because of fetal genetic anomalies, which included down syndrome.

The states of Missouri, Indiana and South Dakota considered changing their abortion laws as well.

Six other states, Arizona, Kansas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and South Dakota also have laws banning abortion if the reason is gender selection.

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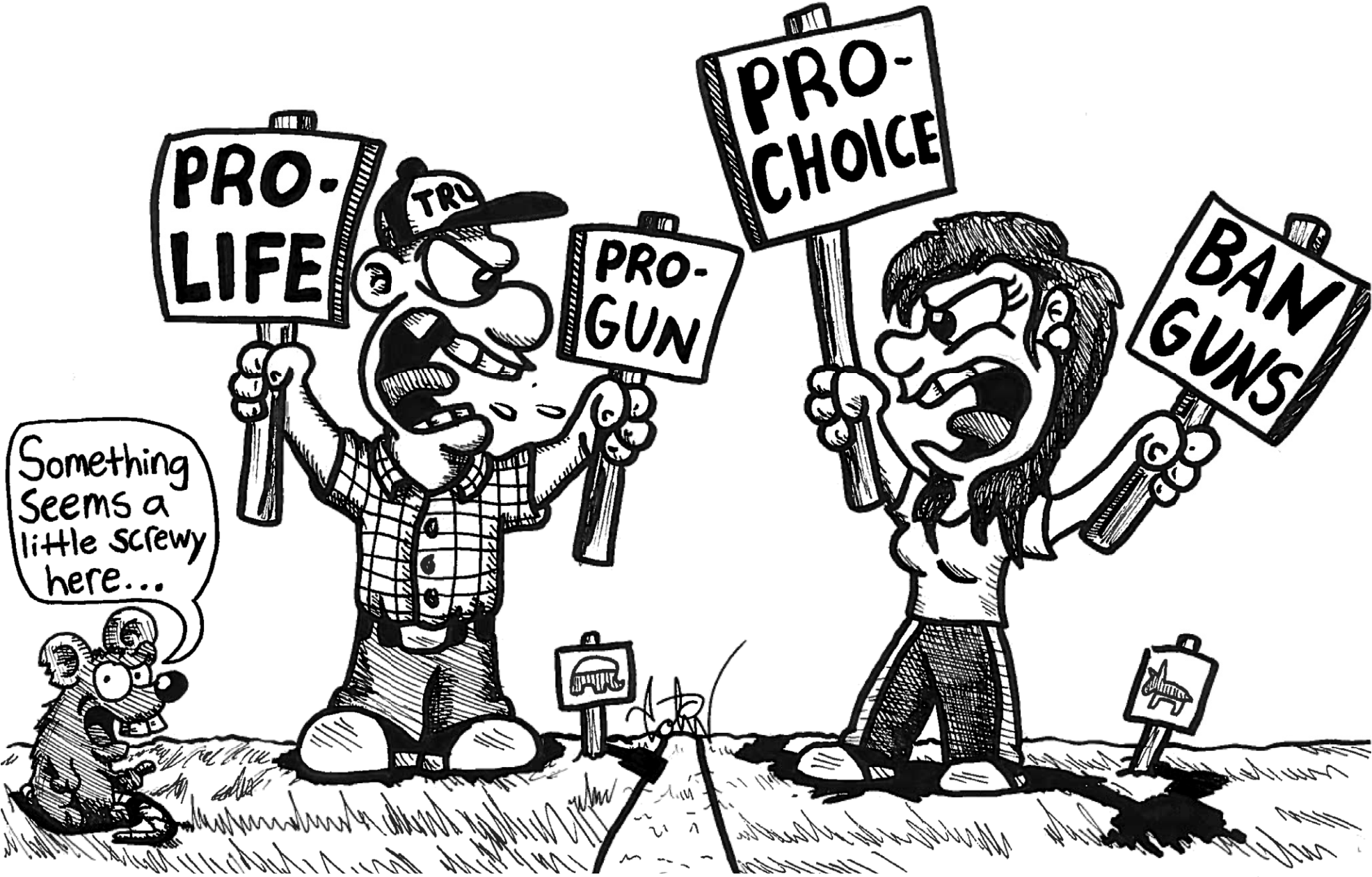
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# Abortion can not be taken lightly



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Abortion has been one of the nation’s top controversial issues that could possibly never reach a decision.

After the ruling of the Roe vs. Wade case in 1973, abortion was made legal. Norma McCorvey, also known as “Roe”, was a 21 year old woman pregnant with her third child who couldn’t terminate her pregnancy due to Texas’s law forbidding abortion unless the mother’s life was endangered.

McCorvey won her case but what a lot of people don’t know is that “Roe” placed her third born child up for adoption as she did for her first two children. To this day, Norma is an anti-abortion activist who has made many stops at abortion clinics to talk women out of the procedure.

Just like McCorvey, my mother was only 19 years old when she found out she was pregnant. She was captain of her collegiate cheer team, going to school and working full time while dealing with her mother’s stage four breast cancer. A baby was clearly not on the agenda especially growing up in a Catholic household.

At the time, she was terrified of having to give up everything for a

child when her life was just beginning. However, she understood that every choice has a consequence and still continues to support me to this day.

The argument of “I wasn’t ready to have a child”, or “It’s my body I can do what I want” and of course my favorite, “A fetus is just a bundle of cells” aren’t valid.

Making the decision to have sex is a choice with good or bad, have consequences. If someone can’t handle the negative outcome of intercourse, then clearly you should not be sexually active.

Yes, it is your body, but where does the father of the child get a say when he wants to do everything to raise his child? Also, that bundle of

cells experiences it’s first heartbeat 18-24 days after conception. Women are advocating for equal rights yet the right is one sided. How can feminists want practice what they preach if they deny the father and their own child’s right to life?

Some states are also in the works of passing bills banning second term abortion methods that are commonly performed such as dilatation and evacuation procedure. I won’t go into any details but it is worse than what it sounds. The second abortion ban focuses on making it illegal to terminate a pregnancy if the baby could have down syndrome. Eighty percent of baby’s with Down Syndrome are aborted.

The aftermath of an abortion

can cause deadly side effects to the woman’s body. If a woman who previously had an abortion wishes to conceive, she is put at risk for premature delivery, miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, as well as ovarian, breast, and cervical cancer. In worse cases, she may become sterile.

To sum it up, there are many alternatives to coping with an unplanned child besides terminating the pregnancy. A baby no matter what the circumstances, should be a celebration of a new beginning. In today’s society, we make it seem that having a child is just an option we can throw away if we aren’t ready. If my mother would’ve made the decision to have an abortion, you wouldn’t be reading this article.

# Proposed birth control bill will greatly benefit Missouri women



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Rep. Sheila Solon filed House Bill 1679 which would allow women to obtain birth control without the awkward experience of making a doctor’s appointment.

The bill would instead provide

pharmacists a chance to undergo training which would allow them to write prescriptions for birth control, cutting the cost and awkward experience of a doctor visit.

While the pharmacist training for this is unclear, it is obvious that the benefits outweigh the risks.

The bill would allow women to receive birth control for three years in one year increments after their first three month prescription. After the three years have passed, wom-

en must make an appointment with their physician before a pharmacist can continue to prescribe birth control.

In Lindsey Donaldson’s article on A2, she says nearly two-thirds of women in the United States favor making contraceptives available through pharmacists, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In conjunction with the overwhelming amount of women favor-

ing this bill, Solon said easier access to birth control will decrease unwanted pregnancies and abortions by 25 percent.

The bill will also be beneficial for women who do not have or cannot afford insurance. Changing the law so that the costs of copay and urine testing are eliminated make birth control a much easier contraceptive to obtain for women who may not otherwise be able to afford it.

Even though this bill really does seem like the “Ultimate Pro-Life Bill” as Solon calls it, is the right move for Missouri. Making birth control accessible to nearly all women and potentially cutting unwanted pregnancies by 25 percent are wonderful possibilities regardless of whether you’re anti-abortion or pro-abortion rights.

This bill would make for a safer, healthier population of sexually active women in Missouri and that is what is important.

## OUR VIEW:

# Lawmakers should find middle ground for financial aid, drug law

A group of senators are attempting to repeal a law that could affect students nationwide. This law states that students can be denied financial aid because of a past drug conviction or for using illegal drugs while receiving financial aid.

The government will suspend students who have convictions for minor uses of illegal drugs. While filing for certain student aid, a question on the form asks if the student has been convicted for possessing illegal drugs. If students answer yes or refuse to answer the question, the government may suspend all financial aid, including grants, loans and

work study.

The student may get the financial aid back, but only if they agree to go to a rehabilitation center or pass a certain amount of drug tests.

While this law may need to be reworked, the law should stand as it is. We do not believe that someone who is still in school and continues to use illegal drugs should receive financial aid. We do not agree with someone using the refund at the end of the semester on something like drugs.

However the government should not forbid someone with a past conviction from receiving financial aid.

Someone with a drug filled past trying to get his or her life back on track might try to file for financial aid and be turned away.

The government also has limited amounts of money to give in financial aid. If someone who was not taking college seriously got more financial aid than someone who is desperately attempting to get an education, they do not deserve it and therefore should have some financial aid suspended.

We believe the best way to prevent this law from excluding all people convicted of any drug use without completely cutting them off is to give a time limit based on how se-

vere the crime was. If it was a one time conviction of marijuana, maybe just six months would be enough before trying to receive aid once again.

We can not discriminate just because of drug use, but we also can not let abusers get away with anything and still receive aid. There needs to be some discipline within the government.

Democratic senator of Pennsylvania Bob Casey said “a youthful mistake shouldn’t keep a person out of college...”

While we agree with that, we also do not believe a person should be allowed to make this mistake

and see no financial consequences, showing they can potentially do it again and continue to get away with it.

This law should be looked at and revised, but we do not see any need for the law to be repealed. The law should stay in place, just with a smaller consequence such as a semester or two suspension from financial aid rather than a life of no financial aid without rehab.

If we do not discipline the person making a mistake, they will not learn and they can not grow from it.

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Green Dot coordinator Danielle Koonce spoke to students about the program Monday, February 15.

GREEN DOT  
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Developing content includes programs and strategies designed to help prevent violence and educate individuals about violence. Training helps demonstrate what to do when violence is happening and how a person can intervene. The Green Dot program also focuses on relationships, connections, knowledge and skills.

Participants of the program will first hear a persuasive speech that touches on inspiration, shared vision, individual acceptance, simplicity and critical mass. These core things integrated into the speech help the audience connect emotion and understanding of how the program helps prevent and deal with violence.

The second part of the program is training. The training teaches participants what to do intervene in possibly violent situations.

The third and final part of the program deals with promoting

awareness about violence and about the Green Dot through social media.

Koonce’s ultimate goal for the Green Dot program is success. She would like to see people adopt the Green Dot terminology and shift culture by setting new social norms here at Northwest.

“I want people to find different ways to step in when seeing violence and find different ways to intervene. Based on who people are and how they feel, they will intervene differently due to different perspectives,” Koonce said.

Northwest decided to pursue Green Dot about a year ago. Maryville members of the statewide group Partners in Prevention decided that bystander intervention could benefit Northwest. The group did research on various programs and chose the Green Dot Evidence and research has shown that the program is effective in schools.

Northwest will commemorate the launch of the Green Dot program during Green Dot Launch week, Feb. 15-20.

Brent Bledsoe is a freshman at



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Members of Green Dot set up in the Student Union providing information to Northwest Students about their upcoming program.

Northwest. Bledsoe heard about Green Dot coming to Northwest through a friend.

“I think Green Dot is a really good thing for Northwest because it will bring positivity to the campus,” Bledsoe said.

On the Northwest webpage, there is an option that allows people to share stories.

The story page gives people the opportunity to tell about their green dot moments and hear about others’. Stories go to Koonce and no stories are shared without consent. All people will remain anonymous.

The stories may be shared on social media to inspire and educate others.

GUN BAN  
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Even though this bill may not go through, statistics from smartgunlaws.org have shown that women involved in an abusive relationship are five times more likely to be murdered by their partner if they own a firearm. Between the years 1980-2008, more than two-thirds of spouse and ex-spouse homicide victims were killed by firearms.

Domestic violence plays a role in mass shootings as well.

Research conducted by Everytown for Gun Safety, for each mass shooting in America (shooting in which four or more people were murdered) between January 2009 and July 2014 found that 57% of them involved the killing of a family member or a current or former intimate partner of the shooter.

A few states including Wisconsin and South Carolina have been passing their own laws to match or exceed the federal prohibitions. Both are controlled by Republican legislatures and have GOP governors.

Blotters for the week of Feb. 18

Maryville Department  
of Public Safety

Jan. 23

A summons has been issued to **Amy Matlage**, 40, for harassment at the 200 block of East Jenkins.

Jan. 28

There is an ongoing investigation for a lost/stolen license plate at the 400 block of East 5th.

Jan. 29

A summons has been issued to **Jerry Stafford**, 72, for driving with no valid driver’s license and failure to maintain right half of the roadway at the 200 block East 7th Street.

Feb. 1

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 100 block of North Davis.

Feb. 3

A summons has been issued to **Christopher Brown**, 27, for driving while suspended and no proof of insurance at the 2200 block of South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 700 block of South Main.

Feb. 4

A summons has been issued to **Jacob Young**, 21, for failure to register a moving vehicle at the 300 block of East 3rd Street.

Feb. 5

A summons has been to **Brandon Shook**, 21, for disturbing the peace at 300 of block of West 2nd Street.

A summons has been issued to **Brian Erstad**, 22, for failure to comply and disturbing the peace at the 300 block of West 2nd Street.

A summons has been issued to **James Carmichael**, 20, for failure to comply, profanity in public and minor in possession at the 300 block of West 2nd Street.

A summons has been issued to **Trevon Walker**, 22, for disturbing the peace at the 300 block of West 2nd Street.

Feb. 6

A summons has been issued to **Shamus Peterson**, 17, for discharging a firearm within city limits at the 200 block of West 9th Street.

Feb. 7

A summons has been issued to **Luke Townsend**, 20, for minor in possession, open container

in moving vehicle and failure to obey a traffic signal at the 200 block of North Main.

A summons has been issued to **Brett Siebeneck**, 21, for disorderly conduct at the 400 block of North Main.

A summons has been issued to **Garrett Meng**, 23, for affray at the 300 block of North Market.

A summons has been issued to **Benjamin Demott**, 27, for affray at the 300 block of North Market. A summons has been issued to Grant Wandler, 22, for affray at the 300 block of North Market.

A summons has been issued to **Paige Oldenkamp**, 15, for no valid driver’s license and no headlamps after dark at the 100 block of East 3rd Street.

Feb. 8

A summons has been issued to **James Wilcoxson**, 43, for failure to a register a moving vehicle at the 600 block of South Main.

Feb. 9

A summons has been issued to **Dylan Krzyzopolski**, 24, for failure to appear in court at the 400 block of North Market.

A summons has been issued to **Alicia Johnson**, 18, for failure to appear in court at the 400 block of North Market.

Feb. 12

A summons has been issued issued for a drug law violation at Perrin Hall.

A summons has been issued for a liquor law violation at Hudson Hall.

Feb. 14

A summons has been issued for a liquor law violation at Franken Hall.

Northwest Missouri  
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Police Department

Feb. 10

A summons has been issued to **Alicia Johnson** for a drug law violation and failure to appear at Dieterich Hall.

A summons has been issued to **Mary Frizzell** and **Keegan Sharp** for distribution of a con-

trolled substance at Dieterich Hall.

A summons has been issued to **Haley Roberts** for a drug law violation at Dieterich Hall .

Feb. 11

A summons has been issued to **Kavacia Smith** for larceny at Lot 42.

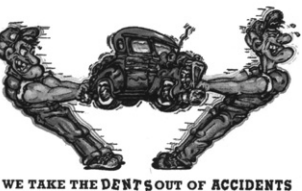
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Northwest Dance Company members wrap up their season with a spring show last Thursday Feb. 11. Out of the 73 members 11 were seniors performing their last show.

# Dance Company lights the stage with spring show

SYDNEY OETTER

A&E Reporter | @SquidneyO

Cue the lights, hit the music and open the curtain. Welcome to the show. Northwest Dance Company was founded in 2000. They have captivated audiences with their performance. They currently have 73 members. Northwest Dance Company put on their spring show Feb. 11 at the Ron Houston Performing Arts Center. The company put the show together in a little under two months. With a packed house of family, friends and loved ones, the dancers took the stage. The audience was

captivated by their performance. Through dance, music and lighting, the storytelling began. After multiple numbers, intermission rolled around bittersweet time. The seniors, are thanked by younger member for their time and commitment. Seniors Morgan Brown and Abby Haarmann were just two out of eleven going alum this semester. “Performing for the last time was a weird feeling,” Haarmann said. “I’ve been clogging for a while, so to think that was the last time I might ever clog is sad. But it’s very exciting to see where life is going to take me after Northwest.” Brown smiles as she thinks

about her first dance class and how it lead to this chapter in her story. “My mom put me in my first ballet class at age four. Since then, dance has been an integral part of my life. I accredit my dance training for giving me confidence, dedication and perseverance. While I couldn’t be more ready for the next chapter in my life, performing for the last time on stage with NWDC was surreal,” Brown said. Haarmann and Brown have been dancing with the company since their freshman year. Knowing they will be leaving, they laugh thinking of all their great memories. Throughout these past few years they have recognized their strengths

and limitations. “I’ve never been a choreographer just because I never had the creativity,” Haarmann said. “I’ve danced with a few different clogging choreographers over the last seven semesters and they’ve all had their own style and ideas, so being able to learn their different dances has been so much fun.” Intermission finishes Seniors returned backstage and the final number began. All the new Seniors have smiles on their face even though this is the last time they will dance for Northwest. Brown had some advice about joining Dance Company. “Anyone wanting to join the

company, go to tryouts. You’ve got nothing to lose. You’ll get to meet a bunch of cool new people and spend the evening dancing. Dance Company is a blast,” Brown said. Though Haarmann does not want to say goodbye, she encourages everyone to join Dance Company and share the wonderful experiences she had. “Dance Company has been another great way for me to get to know people on campus and have fun with my friends. I got to dance with people from my hometown, girls in my sorority and strangers I met because of Dance Company. It’s something I’ll miss when my days at Northwest are over,” Haarmann said.

# Single cats bear through Valentine’s Day

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One day of the year remains more polarizing than any festively snow-packed week of December. Red cups don’t have anything on the Valentine’s Day controversy. With all of the focus on couples and grand gestures, Feb. 14 remains a difficult topic. For some single people, Valentine’s Day may serve as a blatant reminder of their lack of companionship. However, singles need not feel left out in the cold. Many students face the same issues. One may not own many leather-bound books and live in an apartment that smells of rich mahogany like “Anchorman’s” Ron Burgundy, but contentment in singleness shows that one’s happiness extends beyond the approval of others. Valentine’s gestures do not require a companion, according to freshman Essence Blankinship. “You don’t need anyone to make you happy on Valentine’s Day. You can go out and buy your own chocolate or go out and get your own dinner,” Blankinship said. Furthermore, singles may stigmatize Valentine’s Day by placing more importance on the day than

necessary. Singles must find enjoyment in life’s little pleasures. The struggle for singles stems from not finding activities to engage in on the day, according to freshman Isaiah Cook. “I just read. I’m a big reader,” Cook said. Some students such as senior Andrew Fox choose to treat Valentine’s Day as they would any other day. “I do what I do every other day. I don’t worry about it at all. I’ve been single for a lot of Valentine’s Days, so it doesn’t really make a difference at this point. Live your life like you normally would. Don’t treat it any differently and it won’t feel worse. It will just feel like a normal day,” Fox said. Like Cook and Blankinship, some people choose to enjoy the day rather than focusing on the negative. Blankinship said she likes to hang out and watch Netflix on Valentine’s Day. In addition to focusing on the more keeping yourself occupied, the key to surviving Valentine’s Day may lie in not acknowledging it. “I just try not to think about it. If you don’t think about things, then they don’t bother you,” junior Matthew Pottroff said.

## Average costs of popular Valentine’s Day gifts

<b>Cards</b>	<b>Candy</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>\$13.33</b>	<b>\$21.47</b>	<b>\$71.99</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Jewelry</b>	<b>Clothing</b>
<b>\$37.44</b>	<b>\$156.51</b>	<b>\$71.30</b>

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Singleness seems strange in a culture that values romantic relationships. However, according to the Center for Disease Control’s National Marriage and Divorce Rate Trends, around 2.14 million mar-

riages occurred in 2014 while roughly 800,000 divorces happened in the same year. Jumping into relationships may not provide the answers aching hearts need. Cook recommends keeping a

positive outlook and focusing on what is really important in life. “...I stay in my room and stay focused. There are a lot more of us than there are of them. It’s alright,” Cook said.

### THE STROLLER:

## Your woman wants flowers for absolutely no reason

The price of roses around Valentine’s Day is exponentially higher than the cost of roses at any other point in the year. That being said, no woman would be disappointed to receive flowers May 7, a day with no significance whatsoever, when rose prices have gone back to normal. There are too many people in the world who hate on Valen-

tine’s Day, but as much as I hate to admit it, they do have a point. There should not be one special day set aside in the year for you to spoil your woman or make her feel loved and appreciated. That should happen everyday. However, it is a lot to ask of any man to buy his woman flowers, chocolates, jewelry and 7-foot-stuffed animals everyday

of the year. Plus, who has room in the house for all of that stuff? I am not asking you to sacrifice your savings account to spoil your woman. However, a thoughtful gift like flowers on random days of the year will truly show your woman how much she means to you and how much you love her. Not to mention, any girl who

says she does not like getting flowers is lying. They do not just die, they smell nice and make our desks or tables look twice as pretty. However, if you believe your woman truly detests flowers, you can surprise her with her favorite candy or nice note left on her mirror. It is not the gift itself that

matters, it is the fact you thought of your woman and proved you care about her happiness. Stay thirsty, my friends. *The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*



# Snapchat goals

## Five things you need to know about your Snapchat account

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Snapchat is a fun way to keep in contact with your friends and family, but using this medium in the wrong ways can become annoying to your Snapchat friends, so follow these five rules for Snapchat etiquette.

1. Keep your conversations short  
Snapchat is made for short conversations based on photos. Some Snapchat users take that too far. Considering snaps disappear within a matter of seconds, it is difficult to keep track of what you or your friend said last.

Junior Caitie Nielson agrees and admits to frequently forgetting the context of long Snapchat conversations.

“Don’t try to have full conversations on Snapchat, it gets really confusing. Keep it short. If you can’t, then opt to text instead,” Nielson said.

2. Some things are better left unseen  
Use some discretion when snapchatting. There are some things that need to be kept private.

To put it simply, sophomore Chris Bierman had some straightforward advice.

“Don’t post stupid stuff, because stupid stuff is stupid,” Bierman said.

Before you send a photo containing private or potentially inappropriate

material, think again. This type of behavior is not appreciated by your Snapchat friends and will probably embarrass you in the long run.

You never know where your friend is when your snap will be viewed.

The screenshot feature can also make a private photo turn public quickly.

Moral of the story: do not send anything you don’t want posted on Facebook later.

3. Your Mom is always watching  
Drunk texting is embarrassing, but drunk snapchatting can take things to a whole new level. It can turn your stupid words into a picture that is worth 1,000 stupid words.

Seth Phillips, a junior Bearcat, warns not to let your family in on your beercat shenanigans.

“I try not drinking on my stories because I have little cousins on my Snapchat,” Phillips said.

When you are friends with family on your Snapchat, this is even more important.

Don’t turn a Saturday night of fun into a Sunday morning lecture from your mom.

4. Your Snapchat story isn’t a journal  
Your story is made to share important images, not post your entire day.

Senior Haylee Barros shares her annoyance with long, boring stories.

“If your Snapchat story is more than a minute long, then I am removing you as a friend,” Barrows said.

Watching stories about the mundane tasks of your day is not fun.

There is no need to post your breakfast, lunch and dinner along with a snap of the show on Netflix you are watching.

Be considerate of your friends, don’t make them sprain their thumb getting rid of your story.

5. You can’t live your life behind your phone  
Junior Mackenzie Winn had one last important piece of advice for the Snapchat world.

“Don’t record an entire event and put it on your story,” Winn said.

Concerts, vacations and parties are fun but only if you are there. There is no reason to live stream an event on your snap story, because honestly, no one cares.

One snap, maybe two is enough. Do not ruin listening to your favorite musician by holding your phone in front of your face the entire time.

These are the types of experiences you need to live in the moment.

Don’t lose your Snapchat dignity. Follow these rules and you can keep your friends on Snapchat and in reality.



HANNAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Snap mistakes are easy to make. Think before you snap.

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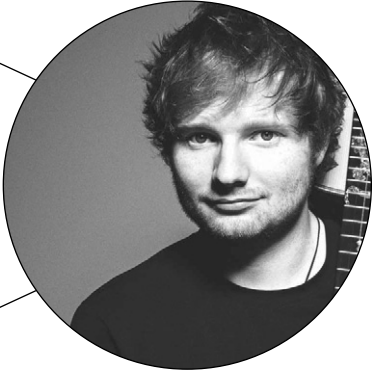
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Anthony Procopio Ross

Perspective held at Colden Pond.  
A realization so fond I haven’t  
stopped thinking about even after  
the days after next.  
Lying awake I pondered what  
she had told me.  
How perceiving the water too  
closely isn’t quite the consummate  
view and staring from afar doesn’t  
come close in discerning its cor-  
rect hue.  
What matters most is sitting  
in the right spot, at the right time,  
and possibly with the right person  
is what makes that water shine so  
therapeutically.  
A melody of ripples in the water  
overcast with dancing lamp light.  
That among other things is  
what had made my night.  
A person who understood per-  
spective as well as I could.  
Well, they don’t come as often  
as they should.  
Braving the cold pond air together  
we embraced the unfair weather.  
Sitting in silence brought peace  
to minds differing in motion.  
One in ceased thought and the  
other with a tepid notion that this  
was all too right.  
I told her then that at this mo-  
ment, this time, and that this per-  
son would inspire me to write.  
A poem to behold us both tonight.

# 2016 Grammy's at a glance



**Taylor Swift**  
“1989”  
Album of the Year



**Ed Sheeran**  
“Thinking out Loud”  
Song of the Year



**Bruno Mars**  
“Uptown Funk”  
Record of the Year



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Dunlap entered his high school career under the direction of former head coach Mike Kuwitzky. Stoecklein was the assistant coach at that point. He would become head coach following Dunlap's sophomore season.

"He is a great coach," Dunlap said. "He helps you out in anyway. If you want to come into the gym early or stay late, he will stay with you."

Stoecklein has seen Dunlap evolve as an athlete over time. This has allowed Dunlap to focus fully on the court.

"As a freshman, he would get so mad at himself and get so angry specifically with fouls, whether they called the foul or not," Stoecklein said. "He is a lot better with that now and he doesn't let it take him out of his game like it used to when he was younger."

Dunlap uses his progression as an athlete to help encourage his teammates and himself to improve on the court.

"I've been playing with these guys for three years," Dunlap said. "Being the only senior, I think they look up to me a lot. They are good, too. I know they contribute a lot to me because I am the only senior now."

Stoecklein says Dunlap's attitude towards his teammates represents what any team leader should be.

"Some kids get on the other kids too harsh and hard," Stoecklein said. "Chip never does that. He knows when somebody is making a mistake. He is more of a pat him on the back. He also says something (about the mistake) in more of a positive manner."

Dunlap is one of three seniors who celebrated senior night Feb. 9.

Since then, seniors Tristan Lyle and Mason Graff hung up their jerseys for the last time.

"They were not enjoying it anymore," Dunlap said. "They have other sports that they are interested in, so they thought it was time to be done."

The change leaves the Spoofhounds on edge looking for somebody to fill in the role Lyle and Graff have left behind.

"I hope we can adjust and grow from this," Stoecklein said. "Hopefully we will be okay and somebody will take that spot and play just as hard. Hopefully we can overcome that."

Despite this obstacle, Dunlap wants to stay focused on the main goal which has been on the team's mind all season long.

"It would be amazing to win districts this year," Dunlap said. "We lost in semifinals last year that just sucked a lot but you go off on it and you respond this year."

Stoecklein says the team can win a district championship if it has the focus and drive come game time.

"Earlier this week we had a moment where we were not practicing very well," Stoecklein said. "We mentioned something to the team asking if they were practicing like a district champion. We want to go out and prove it, but we have to practice like it."

Dunlap says this season is something to be proud of no matter the outcome of districts.

"This has been one of the best seasons we have had (while I have been on the team)," Dunlap said. "We are all really enjoying it a lot."

The Spoofhounds will begin district competition against Alta Vista Charter or Cristo Rey High School at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 23, East Buchanan High School will host the tournament.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN  
Senior Chip Dunlap attempts to score past Cameron defenders Junior Zeke Zeikle (34) and Sophomore Kyler Hill (10) on the way to a 79-39 win. Maryville starts the district tournament at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at East Buchanan High School.

THREE-PEAT  
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Northwest still has three conference games to go and theoretically it could lose all of them and still be the No.1 seed in the MIAA conference tournament.

McCollum said he is impressed with how early his team has wrapped up the conference championship.

"I do not know if anyone has done that with three conference games left in quite some time, especially in a 14-team league with the quality of coaches we have in this league," McCollum said. "It's exciting for our guys and it's exciting for our program."

The last two seasons, the MIAA regular season championship has been decided on the last weekend of conference play. In 2014, Central Missouri defeated Northwest in Warrensburg forcing both teams to share the regular season crown. Last year, Northwest returned the

favor and beat Central Missouri at Bearcat Arena in the last regular season game to capture the conference title outright.

Part of the reason why Northwest has been able to win the MIAA the last three seasons is its ability to stay focused and win games. Since 2014, the Bearcats are 17-1 in the month of February.

While it's hard to compare this year's Northwest team to last year's, both teams won at least nine straight games to close out the season. This season, the Bearcats are on a nine-game win streak and have not lost since Jan. 13.

The Bearcats' success as of late is a big reason why the team wrapped up the MIAA title this early. Before the Bearcats' recent run of success, it was not clear who would come out with the regular season title. Lindenwood and Lincoln were both jockeying with the Bearcats at the top of the conference standings and both had beat Northwest earlier

in the season.

Since then, Lincoln and Lindenwood have fallen off and the Bearcats have not stopped winning. Two of their last nine wins have come against Lincoln and Lindenwood. After both of those victories, it was evident the Bearcats were going to run away with another MIAA championship.

Even though the Bearcats have won the conference regular season title, they know there is still a lot to play for with three games left and the MIAA tournament upcoming.

"I think we just need to stay focused," junior forward Zach Schneider said. "We've got to keep the regional rankings in mind, we need to keep winning for that and keep getting better. That's definitely a big goal for this team is winning those three games in Kansas City because we have not done that for a while."

The Bearcats will close out the regular season by playing Missouri Western, Emporia State and South-

west Baptist at Bearcat Arena. While all three of those teams are in the bottom tier of the conference, McCollum said his team has a lot of play for.

"For us, Western is our rival, that's a pretty easy game to get up for," McCollum said. "Emporia is

the only team in our conference that we have not beat yet because they beat us on the road. (Our game against Southwest Baptist) is senior night. We're going to have plenty of motivation and we're going to make sure they're motivated and that all those teams get our best shot."

ALL-STAR  
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The two teams combined to score 369 points, breaking last year's record. The record for most points by a team was also broken as the Western Conference put up a staggering 196 points to beat the Eastern Conference (173 points).

Shot after shot and point after point, more records were broken. Paul George of the Pacers nailed nine three pointers as he went on to score 41 points, one shy of the All-Star record, but did not win MVP honors. Reigning All-Star MVP Russell Westbrook of the Oklahoma City Thunder scored 32 points,

registered eight rebounds, five assists, and five steals. This was good enough for him to receive the MVP of the game.

As if the All-Star game itself was not enough, the three point contest on Saturday showcased amazing shooting from these athletes. Saturday also played host to what might be one of the greatest slam dunk contest of all-time.

All stats and jokes about lack of defense aside, this All-Star weekend was a great one. From the ridiculous range and shot of the 3-point contest to the unbelievable talent and jaw dropping dunks of the slam dunk contest or the All-Star game itself, this weekend will be remembered for one thing: Kobe Bryant's

last ride.

He entered into the league as 17-year-old kid, making the jump from prep to the pros. He went on to win five NBA Championships and has become one of the greatest players of his generation. He showed what true passion for a sport is. He inspired most of the players in the league.

So as Bryant finishes out his final season and we close the chapter on one of the greatest basketball players of all-time, we get to look to the future of the NBA and watch the Kobe Bryant mentality that is in LeBron James, Stephan Curry, Westbrook, and all of the other NBA players that want to be just like Kobe.

TEMBER  
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"Northwest and University of Sioux Falls were basically my two Division II offers," Schechinger said. "Northwest had the education I was looking for, so that was key. Once I came on my visit I knew this is where I wanted to go."

Leading her recruitment for the Bearcats was then head coach Gene Steinmeyer.

An honor for some players quickly became a problem for Schechinger after Steinmeyer announced his retirement during the process. Still, Schechinger never wavered.

Four years and 1,000 points later, Bearcats interim head coach Buck Scheel sees a player who loves Northwest every time she takes the court.

"I think she's really taken it

upon herself to lead by example," Scheel said. "Just with her daily work in practice and being ready to go each game."

As a young team finishes out the regular season with three MIAA conference games at home, Scheel knows Schechinger's effort each night stays as consistent as it has her entire career.

"She really pushes the younger players and making them understand you have to come out and compete every game at this level," Scheel said. "If you don't do that then things can go downhill pretty fast. That was something that she always talked about doing. In the past you would see signs of it here and there, but this year understanding that this was her last go-around. She knew it was time to get it done."

Schechinger has proven to be one of the most consistent players for the Bearcats, as she has led the

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Junior guard Abbie Greeley proves to the fans that hard work and team work pay off when it comes to working on the court.

# Spoofhounds gearing up for final push

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With just one game remaining in the regular season and districts coming up next week, the Maryville girl’s basketball team has shown dramatic improvement compared to last season.



First year head coach Quinton Albrecht led the Spoofhounds to six wins so far this season after accumulating just one win all of last season.

The Spoofhounds have played some talented teams and been competitive in those games. With four of their losses coming by a combined seven points, the Spoofhounds have been more competitive this season than any year in recent memory.

Players and coaches alike believe despite having just six wins, this season has been successful to this point.

“One goal was to really build good relationships with the girls that play,” Albrecht said. “We’ve really accomplished our major goal which is to establish relationships, get a good rapport with our kids and then start moving forward.”

This season was a season of growth for the entire program that seeks to only improve in the future. Albrecht’s sentiments can be reiterated by junior guard and forward Abbie Greeley

“(We’re) always spending time together,” Greeley said. “Having that good bond really helps you on the court.”

The theme of this much improved season is unity. The

relationships they have built led to an improvement from a statistical standpoint. It is only fair to believe that this team will be even more improved next year.

Of the fourteen players in the Spoofhounds’ program, only one player is a senior. The team appears very optimistic, not only for the last game of the regular season and districts, but for seasons to follow.

“They will have learned our system, you know, our offenses and defenses and different things that we like to do,” Albrecht said. “I think that will be a strength coming out of this year.”

This year, however, the Spoofhounds still have work to do. With one regular season game left and districts the following week, the team looks to finish with a flurry. The team has been having fun with practices, hanging out together an ample amount and is very confident heading into the final stretch of the season.

Coaches have found ways to keep the team engaged after a long regular season.

“We’ve also tried to incorporate some fun things to do during practice and also outside of practice,” Albrecht said. “We’ve done those things to kind of keep the spirits up, keep the legs fresh and kind of keep the soul light.”

The Spoofhounds play their final home game against Savannah High School Thursday at 6:30 p.m. They will follow up their final regular season game with district play at East Buchanan high school Monday.

# Veteran wrestlers set to compete in state tournament

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A pair of Spoofhounds will be representing Maryville at the Missouri state wrestling championships this Thursday through Saturday at Mizzou Arena in Columbia.



Junior Matthew Twaddle and senior Jacob Partridge will be competing after advancing from the Class 1 District 4 tournament. This will be the third straight year for Twaddle and the second straight for Partridge.

Partridge advanced in the 113 pound division after defeating Joe Johnson of Southwest Livingston County, Brendon Johnson of Trenton and Colton Nelson of Marceline. He fell to Drake Eychaner of North Andrew 6-0 in the final.

Matthew Twaddle advanced in the 170 pound division after his three wins against Penney’s Hunter Blackburn, Polo’s Drake Burton and Maysville’s Nick Evans. Twaddle lost to Josh Frank of Carrollton 13-5 in the final.

For the Spoofhounds wres-

tlng team, this season has been full of ups and downs. The team’s record may not be something to boast about, but these two captains have put their best foot forward all season in order to be in the position they are in now.

“It’s a very special event,” Twaddle said. “Every time you go down there, you’re grateful you made it. At the same time, you want to take advantage of it and win some matches to get some hardware.”

For Partridge (28-11), this will be the final tournament of his career while Twaddle (34-12) has one year remaining. Both seek to have success this time around.

“We just stick to what we’ve been doing all year, it’s got us this far,” Partridge said. “Now that I’ve been there, I’m going to make it my home and do my best. I need to wrestle one match at a time and can’t be focused on the matches ahead.”

In an individual sport, it is important to stay focused on both yourself and the team. In wrestling, the points each individual earns goes towards the final team score. While

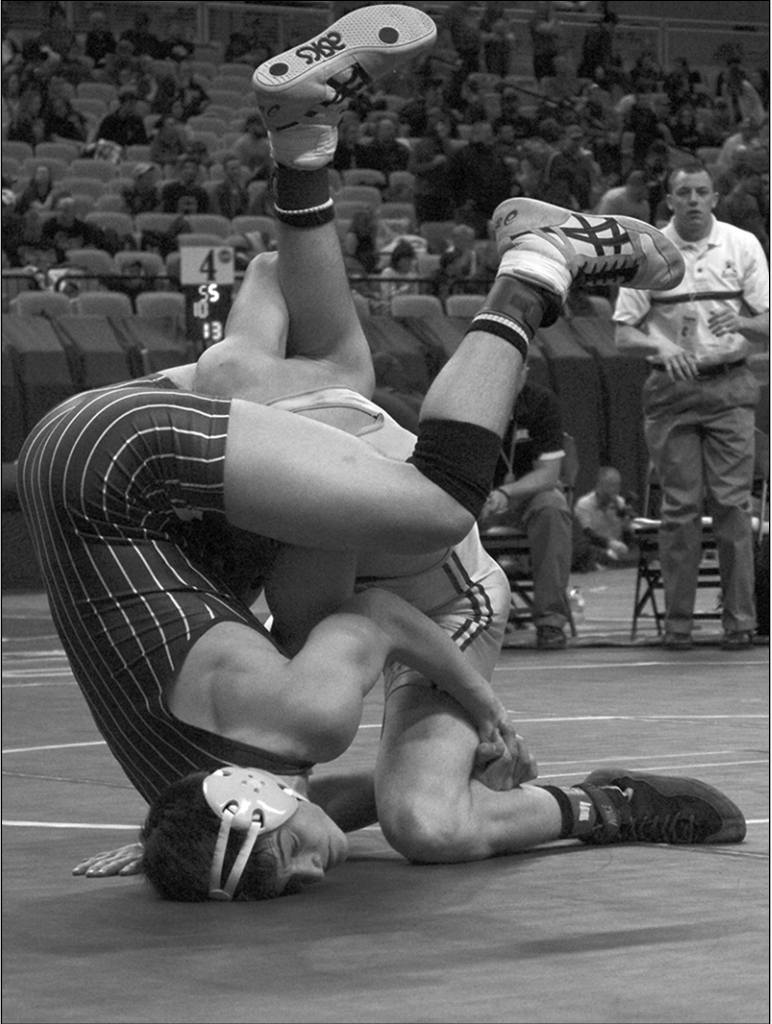
the team aspect is important, each athlete must be working on his game to make the team better.

“In wrestling, you’re out there with your team trying to compete in duels and tournaments, but at the same time, you have to do you’re one job and do it to the best of your ability,” Twaddle said.

The first two years Twaddle attended state, he left empty handed. This year he looks to rewrite the script and showcase his full arsenal of talent on the biggest stage of the year.

“My freshman year, I was just excited to make it. Sophomore year, I felt like I wasn’t quite in the right place and just wanted to win some matches. But going down there a third time, I really expect to compete,” Twaddle said. “I’ve learned that everyone down there is good and every match will be close, so I just have to find a way to come out on top.”

Both of these veterans will have a shot at being crowned the state champion this weekend in the final tournament of the year.



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Junior Matthew Twaddle prepares to head back to the State Championship wrestling match in Columbia, for the third year in a row.

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# Indoor track faces final regular season meet

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The Bearcats track and field team will be competing in Lincoln for the Nebraska Tune-Up Friday, Feb. 19, the final stop before the MIAA Championships in Pittsburg, Kansas.

The team has had a fantastic season thus far. From multi events specialist Chloe Wichmann shattering multiple records back in mid-December, to long distance runners Nolan Zimmer and Wick Cunningham butting heads for the same 3000 meter school record these last two weeks.

These accomplishments are just a few examples of the success Northwest has had this indoor season. All of the athletes have been exceptional this year, yet coach Scott Lorek desires none of the credit.

“It doesn’t take much on my part,” Lorek said. “These guys are so well motivated and they work so hard and work so well together. I couldn’t ask for a better group to work with.”

Another motivated key athlete is junior Kaley Hauschild. Lorek had some high praise for her this week, saying that she has really been consistent in all of her events this season. Hauschild has a national qualifying mark in the decathlon. She is also ranked third in the conference in the 60m dash as well as sixth in the conference in the 200m dash.

At this point in the season, it’s really easy for athletes to start going through the motions and losing track of the task at hand. For Northwest, that will not be a problem.

“As a team, we do a pretty good job of keeping each other account-



PATRICK EVENSON | NW MISSOURIAN  
Junior Kaley Hauschild ranked third in the confere in the 60m dash and sixth in the 200m dash prepares for the Nebraska Tune-Up meet Febuary 19 in Lincoln.

able,” Hauschild said. “This is the time of the season, and sometimes you just need a kick in the butt.”

Last week, the track and field team went out west to the South Dakota State Classic. It helped the athletes out in many ways to run in Brookings. The track they ran on will be the same size as the one at the MIAA championships. “It makes us compete at a high-

er level than we are used to. There were a lot of D1 schools and it was a little intimidating,” Hauschild said.

kota decided to put together another alternate tournament this weekend at Black Hills State University.

This will give the athletes more opportunities to sharpen and refine their skills with the indoor championships right around the corner.

“We set up that meet to bring in a couple teams to just go at each other,” Lorek said. “It’s their last chance

to hit some more NCAA qualifying marks. We’re going to take advantage of an altitude adjustment. Hopefully, we will beat each other up and everyone will get better.”

Lorek is no stranger to success with the teams he has had at Northwest. This year is no exception with the direction they are headed.

“Every year we are getting more confident, more competitive at this level and I feel we’ve pretty much arrived where we want to be,” Lorek said. “I think this is the group that is ready to take that step up and be the better team.”

“ This is the time of the season, and sometimes you just need a kick in the butt.

-Kaley Hauschild,  
Junior Track Athlete

“I was really nervous, but it makes you compete a little harder and just raises the bar.”

The track coaches at South Da-

## Northwest softball team wins four straight to begin 2016 campaign

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Northwest Missouri State University’s softball team concluded its first weekend of competition at the Arkansas-Monticello Eight-State Classic and returned home with a record of 4-0.

Head coach Ryan Anderson was impressed with his team’s overall performance this past weekend although it was not completely smooth. After being down heading into the seventh inning on two separate occasions, Northwest showed its ability to bounce back.

Six innings into its game against Upper Iowa, Northwest found itself in a one-run deficit, trailing 4-3. Although the final two games of the classic were cancelled due to im-

pending weather conditions, Northwest already made its mark in regards to this year’s identity.

“The biggest thing we showed is we now know we can fight,” Anderson said. “Every game that we were down in, we came out swinging the bat and made some key runs.”

A few players stood out during the classic.

Freshman Alexis Kelsey hit three home-runs while registering 10 RBI’s over the weekend. One of Kelsey’s home runs came in the seventh inning of the game against Upper Iowa with the score tied 4-4. Sophomore Rebecca Maher also added five hits and recorded five RBI’s.

Kelsey also earned MIAA and AstroTurf Softball Hitter of the Week for her performance over the weekend.

It is common for teams to struggle out of the block during the beginning of the season. Northwest showed its ability to fight back, but coach Anderson says his team still has a way to go before it reaches its full potential.

“It was the first time on dirt for us and right now, you could use it as an excuse,” Anderson said. “By the fourth game there were plays we should have made. Some little mental mistakes we need to clean up as well as some base-running mistakes.”

Northwest passed its first test by performing well at the Arkansas-Monticello 8-State Classic. Now, it travels to Rochester, Minnesota in hopes of riding that momentum into late February.

“The competition will be tougher this weekend,” Anderson said.

“Winona is very tough every year. Overall, it is going to be a better weekend. Competition wise, hopefully our girls continue to play the way they’ve been playing.”

After beating Upper Iowa during its last classic in Bentonville, Arkansas, Northwest will now face them twice during the upcoming weekend.

Northwest finished well, scoring four runs in the final inning to win 7-4 over Upper Iowa. According to sophomore Jessica Rawie, this past weekend set the stage for what is expected for the remainder of the season.

“We were going pretty strong this weekend,” Rawie said. “Our bats were strong and with the confidence we have right now, going into the next weekend will really help us out a lot.”

More confidence can only serve Northwest well as it will face tenth ranked Winona State Saturday, Feb. 20. Winona State finished 46-14 in 2015 and lost three players to graduation from the previous year.

Northwest will also compete against Northern State Friday, Feb. 19 to kick off the Crossover classic.

### UNDEFEATED START

4-0

vs. Rockhurst  
10-3

vs. Southern Nazarene  
4-2

vs. Upper Iowa  
7-4

vs. Missouri S&T  
15-13

## ATHLETES of the WEEK



### BEARCATS

Justin Pitts



The sophomore guard scored a combined 39 points against Northeastern State and Central Oklahoma last week to help Northwest clinch its third consecutive MIAA Conference Title.

Alexis Kelsey



The freshman infielder recorded four home runs and 10 RBI’s during the Arkansas-Monticello 8-State Classic in Bentonville, Arkansas. She also received MIAA/ AstroTurf Hitter of the Week.

### SPOOFHOUNDS



Felicia Sheil



The junior guard scored nine points in the Spoofhounds’ 69-31 loss to Chillicothe Feb. 9.

Jacob Partridge



The senior wrestler finished second in the Class 1, District 4 tournament and qualified for state. He was one of two Spoofhounds to qualify and will travel to Columbia.



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THE THREE-PEAT

2015 - 2016  
(19-5) (16-3 MIAA)



2014 - 2015  
(25-7) (15-4 MIAA)



2013 - 2014  
(24-9) (16-3 MIAA)

The Bearcats have used a nine-game winning streak to capture its third straight MIAA Regular Season Title

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After its 73-66 victory over Northeastern State Saturday, the Northwest Missouri State men's basketball team clinched its third straight MIAA regular season championship and its ninth straight win.



Coming into the season, the Bearcats were picked to finish first in the conference. While the first place ranking was an honor, it was also a challenge the Bearcats have had to overcome. "I'm not sure the outside people quite understand how big a deal (winning the MIAA) is, how well those kids have played and how consistent they have been," head

coach Ben McCollum said. "When you are picked number one and you finish number one, that is a very difficult to do. (For them) to do it this early is very impressive and it just shows the kind of kids we have." It is unusual for any team to wrap up a conference championship this early.

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BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore forward Chris-Ebou Ndow averaged 9.8 points per game during Northwest's hot streak. The team will seek its 10th straight win Saturday against bitter-rival Missouri Western.

## Bearcat guard surpasses career scoring milestone

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Eclipsing milestones while handling defeat has been the story of Tember Schechinger's career. As the Northwest senior guard surpassed 1,000 career points during its loss to Central Oklahoma, she found it impossible to fight back the tears. "I want wins," Schechinger said. "I care more about the wins than the 1,000 points. It killed me that we didn't win on Thursday, but getting it that game was really exciting and after I just started bawling. I was so happy, but at the same time I was so upset we didn't win." Soon after Schechinger picked up a basketball, winning games is all she cared about growing up. She thanks her two older sisters for that. "Both my sisters played basketball in college," Schechinger said. "Growing up I've always had really good coaches, so I think that is where I really got lucky. That's kind of how I knew that if I really focused on this then I would be (where my sisters ended up)." That motivation followed her through high school at IKM-Manning in her home town of Manilla, Iowa. During the offseason Schechinger played on one of the top AAU basketball teams in the Midwest region, gaining attention from NCAA Division I programs. "(My AAU team) basically pushes you to go Division I,"



PATRICK EVENSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Tember Schechinger attempts a layup over a Lincoln defender in the team's 73-63 win over Lincoln. Bearcats will finish the season with three home games. Schechinger said. "You spend all this money and they want you to go to the highest level. But I knew, after watching my cousin play basketball at Drake University, I didn't want to do that." The next step logically led Schechinger to the Division II ranks, which suited Northwest just fine.

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## Lone Maryville senior leads by determination

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The Spoofhound boys basketball team has young talent which often overshadows leadership from the eldest member of the team. Senior Chip Dunlap has brought leadership and dedication to the Spoofhounds as a senior. All season Dunlap has found multiple ways to contribute on the court, whether it is seen on the scoreboard or not. "He is hardworking," head coach Matt Stoecklein said. "He gets in the game and does whatever he needs to do. He is not that post player that we feed the ball to very often. He is just that kid that fights for that loose ball and rebounds." Dunlap began playing basketball on an irregular basis in elementary and middle school. He never



felt like he established himself on the court until he was in high school. "In high school, I grew and my skills just kind of happened," Dunlap said. "I came into high school not very tall. I grew a lot my freshman year, so I give a lot of credit to my height." Credit to Dunlap's performance on the court also goes to his attitude towards the game. This attitude is a positive influence on the younger members of the team. "It is his determination to score," Stoecklein said. "When he gets the basketball, he wants to score. He is an energy guy. When his energy is high, other people come in to match that energy trying to get up with it. It is mainly an energy thing with how hard he works."

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## All-star game lives up to hype

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Missourian Reporter



The 2016 NBA All-Star game can be summed up in two different ways: a high scoring, fast paced offensive showing and a tribute to one of the game's greatest players, Kobe Bryant. Bryant announced back in Nov. of 2015 that he was going to retire at the end of the season. This started a season long farewell tour for him and it was only fitting that he made it to the All-Star game as a starter for the Western Conference.

Sunday was the 65th All-Star game and the 18th of Bryant's decorated 20 year career. This year's All-Star weekend marked the first time that the game and festivities were played outside of the United States. The Raptors played host in Air Canada Centre in Toronto. After two amazing tributes to Bryant and a speech from the man himself, the high octane offensive pick-up game tipped off. Going into the game, I thought we might see a vintage Kobe, one where he takes over the offense and becomes a one man machine to go on to win his 5th NBA All-Star Game MVP award. Instead, we got a more laid back Bryant. Though he wasn't the human highlight reel, another milestone was reached.

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